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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Joint Apprenticeship Committee Membership

Information Bulletin No. OF&A 99-060 requested nominations from the states for participation on a new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) committee, the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. There were a total of 15 nominations from 9 states. We would like to thank you for your nominations and for your interest in the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program. The National Office of Fire and Aviation is dedicated to the success of this program, which is aimed at developing the BLM firefighters of the future.

In choosing members for this committee, we attempted to achieve a mix of representation from different states and different levels of the organization from line management to field fire personnel to former apprentices. Unfortunately, the committee would have been too large to function effectively if all nominees had been chosen to participate. However, we feel that we have achieved the goal of committee membership representing a good cross-section of the Bureau with the following personnel.

Sheldon Wimmer	Utah State Office, State Fire Management Officer
Bob Bahr	Central Montana Fire Zone, Fire Control Officer
Howard Hedrick	Lower Snake River District, Idaho, Associate District Manager
Audrey Hosie	Carlsbad Field Office, New Mexico, Engine Module Leader
Helen Hankins	Elko Field Office Manager, Nevada
Tim Roide	Carson City Field Office, Nevada, Station Manager
Pat Kidder	California State Office, State Fire Management Officer
Leo Sidebotham	Oregon State Office, Fuels Management Specialist
Larry Sutton	National Interagency Fire Center, Training Specialist

In addition to the above regular members of the committee, the National Office of Fire and Aviation request the assistance of Lois Cunha, California State Office, as an ad hoc technical advisor to the committee.

Larry Sutton will be contacting committee members within the next week to set a time and date for a conference call and to establish agenda items for the call. If you have any questions regarding committee membership or the Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program, please give Larry a call at 208-387-5374.

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